

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are pending. Claims 3-5, 9-11, 15-17 and 22-24 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 26-35 are allowed. Claims 1, 2, 6-8, 12-14, 18-21 and 25 are rejected. Claims 1, 7, 13, 19, 26, 30 and 35 are independent claims.

The examiner uses Kawahara to reject claims 1, 2, 6-8, 12-14, 18-21 and 25 as having been anticipated.

Applicant has canceled claims 19, 20, 21 and 25 and amended claims 1, 7 and 13. No new matter was added.

Independent claims 1, 7 and 13, as amended, recite "the measuring circuit is configured to measure an actual capacity of the charge pump and to reset the capacity of the charge pump to a second value based on the measured capacity to simultaneously affect a second number of flash memory cells," or similar language. Kawahara neither describes nor suggests at least this quoted claim feature, as admitted by the examiner. Accordingly, claims 1, 7 and 13, as amended, are not anticipated by Kawahara.

All of the dependent claims 2, 6, 8, 12, 14, and 18 are dependent upon claims 1, 7 and 13 and contain further limitations. Accordingly, all the dependent claims are allowable over Kawahara.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as

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an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

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